

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



FOR

**Grant Management and Administration
Related to
American Rescue Plan Act Funding
“ARPA Grant Management and Administration”**

Solicitation No.: 20008-A21-16

RFP OPENING DATE: November 19, 2021

at 2:00 pm LOCAL TIME

**CITY OF BATON ROUGE | PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT
DIVISION OF PURCHASING**

Release Date: November 1, 2021

KEY REMINDERS TO PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS

1. Read the solicitation in its entirety.
2. Contact the designated purchasing official only.
3. Check the supplier self-portal frequently.
4. Take advantage of the question and answer period.
5. Provide complete answers and descriptions.
6. Review the RFP and your proposal before submitting.
7. Submit your proposal on time, before the deadline.
8. Sign (by authorized signatory) in designated place on Attachment B Proposal Form.
9. Retain the complete set of specifications and contract documents for your files.

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City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Request for Proposal No. 20008-A21-16
GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION RELATED TO AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING
November 1, 2021

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain competitive proposals as allowed by City-Parish governing statutes, ordinances, resolutions and policies from bona fide, qualified Proposers who are interested and able to provide knowledgeable personnel that are experienced in grant management and administration.

Applicants can be any individual, firm, or nonprofit agency that has the qualifications and experience to perform the work outlined in the Scope of Work.

2. General Instructions

Proposers shall submit proposals to the Purchasing Division, directed to the following:

Attention: Director of Purchasing
P.O. Box 1471
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Proposers shall submit proposals no later than **November 19, 2021 by 2:00 p.m. Local Time.** Proposals may also be delivered by hand to our physical address at the following location:

Purchasing Division
222 Saint Louis Street
8th Floor, Rm. 826
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Proposers are hereby advised that the U. S. Postal Service does not make deliveries to our physical location. Mail sent via the U.S. Postal Service (regular & expedited) is processed by City-Parish central mailroom services and routed to the various departments. Delays may occur and should be taken into account accordingly when submitting a proposal via this method. Other couriers, such as UPS and Federal Express do currently deliver to the Purchasing Division physical address. City-Parish is not responsible for any delays in the delivery method chosen by the Proposer and all bids/proposals MUST be received in the physical address of the Purchasing Division by the stated deadline in this RFP or any subsequent changed date and time provided within any issued addendum.

Proposers shall submit proposals between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise provided by a federal holiday, which then may be delivered by hand on the following business day, not later than **November 19, 2021 by 2:00 PM.** The proposal shall consist of:

- One (1) **signed** hardcopy of the original proposal (**signed on Attachment B Proposal Form**) in a **sealed envelope**, marked [**Original**] **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**, five (5) additional hardcopies of the signed proposal in a **sealed envelope**, marked [**Copy**] **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**, one (1) digitally signed proposal on CD/USB drive in PDF

format, marked **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**, and one (1) redacted copy of vendor's proposal, if applicable.

- A signed cover letter including the company's name, address, Proposer's name, Proposer's title, Proposer's telephone number, and Proposer's email address.
- Summary of Proposer's qualifications and experiences that relate to the ability to perform the **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION** as outlined and requested in this RFP.
- All required attachments indicating authority which are acceptable to the public entity (to be submitted along with both the electronic and hardcopy proposal submissions).

Proposers should notate clearly the name of the Proposer, the number, and the title of the RFP on the proposal documents, shipment packaging, and any other envelopes contained therein. This information is critical to the Purchasing Division to identify proposals.

Proposers should clearly demonstrate the applicant's qualifications and experiences to perform the **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION** and attend all factors applicable in a professional relationship.

Proposers shall familiarize themselves with and shall comply with all applicable Federal and State Laws, parish/municipal ordinances, resolutions, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the solicitation.

These laws and/or ordinances will be deemed to be included in the contract, the same as though herein written in full.

Proposers should include detailed resumes or curricula vitae for the principals performing the services.

Copies of the solicitation and related information are available from the City-Parish's Purchasing Division and the state's Procurement and Contract Network website, LaPAC, at <https://www.cfrpd.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/pubmain.cfm>.

3. Receipt of Proposals

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY-PARISH ON OR BEFORE THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE.

The City-Parish will NOT accept proposals delivered after the deadline.

4. Schedule of Events

<i>Item</i>	<i>Anticipated Schedule</i>
<i>RFP Issued</i>	November 1, 2021
<i>Pre-Proposal Conference</i>	Not Applicable
<i>Deadline to Receive Written Inquiries</i>	November 10, 2021
<i>Deadline to Answer Written Inquiries</i>	November 12, 2021
<i>Proposal Submission Deadline</i>	November 19, 2021 at 2:00 pm LOCAL TIME
<i>Oral Discussions with Proposers (if needed)</i>	To be scheduled if City-Parish determines necessity
<i>Notice of Intent to Award</i>	December 15, 2021 (estimated)
<i>Contract Initiation</i>	December 16, 2021 (estimated)

***The City-Parish reserves the right to deviate from these dates.**

If the City-Parish identifies a likely service provider, it may negotiate a final agreement with the provider and fix the relationship by professional services agreement. The contract will contain the standard City-Parish provisions shown in “Attachment D” for **ARPA GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION** and the proposal forms shown in “Attachment B” and “Attachment B-1.”

In case a pre-proposal conference is not held, the City-Parish will initiate a Proposer Inquiry period for all interested Proposers to perform a procedural review of the proposal documents.

Proposer Inquiry

Proposers shall submit ONLY written questions related to the proposal prior to November 10, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Local Time, to:

Kris Goranson
Director
Purchasing Division
P.O. Box 1471
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Email: RFPA2116GRANTMGRTARPA@brla.gov
Fax: (225)-389-4841

or deliver by hand to the physical location:

222 Saint Louis Street, Rm. 826
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise provided by a federal holiday, which then may be delivered by hand on the following business day, not later than November 10, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Local time.

By responding to this RFP, the Proposer agrees to the City-Parish’s required Contract Terms and Conditions as provided in “Attachment D” and therefore waives any future right to contest the required provisions.

5. Intent

The City-Parish is seeking a professional consulting firm to provide expertise to augment staff capabilities to ensure compliance with federal regulations while maximizing the recovery of and beneficial use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in the local community.

6. Background

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) is undertaking the process to select vendor(s) to aid with the grant management and administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The purpose of ARPA is to provide the needed relief to local government for the continued support of COVID-19 public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery.

The current source of funding supporting ARPA was allocated from the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established by H.R. 1319-American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (March 11, 2021).

The ARPA funding addresses the revenue loss experienced as a result of the crisis, it will assist with the costs incurred due to responding to the public health emergency and provide support for recovery which include assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries, and support for essential workers. It will also provide resources for state, local, and Tribal governments to invest in infrastructure, including water, sewer, and broadband services. The funds will be provided directly to the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge with the City of Baton Rouge receiving \$79.9 million and the Parish receiving \$85.5 million for a total of \$165.4 million.

7. Mission

The City-Parish under the direct administration of the Department of Finance desires to engage with a grants management and administration consultant for professional services to provide management and administration support of grant activities and associated project management activities as needed in the American Rescue Plan Act.

8. Scope of Work

The consultant shall work closely and collaborate with various agencies and internal City-Parish departments to ensure the proper use and application of ARPA funds. Consultant shall focus on maximizing eligible, allocable federal dollars. Consultant will provide technical knowledge and experience, proven business processes, and policy strategies. In order to develop and implement the framework of grant activities, the consultant shall perform services and work necessary to complete the following objectives and tasks:

Development and Planning:

- Review existing plan and implement strategies designated to maximize federal assistance by collaborating with City-Parish Officials on project formulation; information gathering; project development (review and refine project's scope, including cost estimating that will be the basis of each project, define measureable performance outcomes and outputs)
- Provide expert programmatic and policy advice on ARPA programs
- Provide support for strategic planning and coordination of all recovery efforts
- Conduct and coordinate community engagements at the request of Mayor-President
- Identify potential improvements and maximize public assistance/American Rescue Plan Act funding
- Represent City-Parish and attend meetings with community, Councilmembers, stakeholders, FEMA, and U.S. Treasury

Program Coordination, Compliance, and Reporting:

- Provide oversight and guidance to guarantee compliance with US Treasury Interim Final Rule, 2 CFR 200, and assist with any requests for information, justification, and eligibility requirements
- Coordinate and manage reports with City-Parish Officials;
- Amend the *Interim Report* as needed and as required by the US Treasury reporting guidelines.
- Assist in preparation of the *Project and Expenditure Reports* as required in the US Treasury reporting guidelines.
- Coordinate, prepare, and amend the *Recovery Plan Performance Reports* as required in the US Treasury reporting guidelines.
- Streamline reporting process to ensure continued compliance and provide post-award grants administration and communicate these requirements to stakeholders to ensure cost recovery and compliance of expenditures using federal funds
- Coordinate with stakeholders and sub-recipients to obtain all cost and necessary backup documentation to develop, monitoring, as well as revise and submit reports
- Generate time extension requests to the U.S. Department of Treasury when necessary so that eligibility is not forfeited

- Provide detailed and periodic management reports to the Mayor's Office on the status of reporting including developments, revisions, submissions/approvals, open issues, financial overview, etc.
- Develop program guidelines, policies, procedures, implementation plans, or other pertinent documents
- Prepare and conduct the close-out process, ensuring maximum retention of all eligible funding, satisfactory disposition of appeals and availability of supporting documents for future audits
- Prepare for and respond to reviews and audits for on-going and completed projects
- Prepare formal audit responses and justifications; attend associated meetings and hearings as needed
- Keep track and monitor consultant's own time and activities by project, or as allowable under the provisions of Federal guidance for direct administrative, indirect, and project management costs (reference Federal regulations and policy guidance for these topics)
- Provide written performance and status reports to City-Parish on the status of the ARPA programs. The performance and status reports should include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Hours billed and amount invoiced by personnel
 - Interim Report, Recovery Performance Plan, and Project and Expenditure reports development and revisions
 - Identify meetings with Departments/Agencies
 - Issues with departments/agencies, report submissions, and resolutions
 - Issues requiring assistance
 - Estimated and actual costs
 - Grant application closeouts

9. Evaluation and Selection

The following criteria cited herein will be evaluated when reviewing the proposal. The proposal will be evaluated in light of the material and the substantiating evidence presented to City-Parish.

The evaluation committee will evaluate responsive RFP submissions on the following background and experience, technical criteria, and cost; award points up to the maximum points allocated; and provide an assessment.

Background and Experience:

1. General: Name, address, telephone number, fax, e-mail address, website of the office, which would provide the services requested, customer service provisions, including personnel responsible for account inquiry and billing matters.
2. Business description: business longevity, size, number of employees and program managers, primary business, additional services offered, and a review of any contemplated changes within the ownership structure of the firm.
3. Identify supervising program manager who will be assigned to the engagement along with any other personnel who will likely have key roles in the contract and provide contact information and brief resumes. Summary should include the professional qualifications and experience of the supervising and support personnel performing the engagement.

Technical Criteria:

1. Description of the firm's experience in providing grant management and administration services for federal grants for which you have performed services similar to those described in the Scope of Work in Section 8.

2. For the office performing the contract, provide a list of the most significant engagements performed in the last two years similar to the engagement described in the Scope of Work. At a minimum you must provide three (3) government agency references with contact information for which you have performed grant management and administrative services within the last two years.

3. Proposed Strategy: Identify the major tasks and suggested timeline for completion within the constraints listed in the Period of Agreement of Section 18 Proposal Submission Requirements. Provide plans and/or schedule for the management and administration of ARPA funding.

4. Demonstrate the Proposer's Small Entrepreneurship (MBE/SBE/WBE) initiatives. The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge strongly encourages the participation of Small and Minority and Women-owned business in all contracts or procurements let by the City of Baton Rouge Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all Service Providers and suppliers are encouraged to utilize federal, state or locally certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged businesses are available.

Each Proposer should address within the proposal how the firm will meet all the requirements of this RFP. Proposers will be assessed on the below listed criteria and shall receive an allocation of points (up to the maximum) based upon the following schedule:

<u>Background & Experience (20 points)</u>	Maximum Points
Contact Information and Customer Service	2
Company Description	8
Participating Program Managers and Support Staff	10
<u>Technical Criteria (60 points)</u>	
Company Experience	20
List of Grant Management & Administrative services engagements performed in prior years	20
Proposed Strategy	15
Small Entrepreneurship (MBE/SBE/WBE) initiatives	5
<u>Cost (20 points)</u>	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

Proposer must receive a minimum score of 70 points of the total available points (80) in *Background & Experience* and *Technical Criteria* to be considered responsive to the RFP. **Proposals not meeting the minimum score shall be rejected and not proceed to Cost Evaluation.**

Cost Evaluation

The evaluation committee will then evaluate responsive proposals on cost. Prices proposed shall be firm but subject to negotiation.

Pricing will be evaluated by all costs, inclusive of the maximum fee for all services and by all other costs, if any, proposed by the Proposer.

The Proposer with the lowest total cost for **ARPA Grant Management and Administration** provided shall receive the maximum allocated points, a portion of these points, or no points, depending upon the merit of its cost section of the Proposal.

The Proposer shall provide the total cost (inclusive of travel and all project expenses) for providing all services described in the RFP. Each service should be broken down and totaled.

Proposers shall receive cost points based upon the following formula:

$$\text{CCS (points)} = (\text{LPC/TCP}) \times \text{MAXIMUM}$$

CCS = Computed Cost Score (points) for Proposer being evaluated;

LPC = Lowest Proposed Cost of all Proposers;

TCP = Total Cost of Proposer being evaluated;

MAXIMUM = Maximum Allocated Points for cost being evaluated

The point scores for Background & Experience, Technical Criteria, and Cost will be combined to determine the overall score. The Proposer with the highest overall score will be recommended for award. The formula for selection is as follows:

$$\text{B\&E} + \text{TC} + \text{CCS} = \text{TOTAL SCORE}$$

B&E = Background and Experience

TC = Technical Criteria

CCS = Computed Cost Score

During review of any proposal at any time, the evaluation committee may:

- Conduct reference checks relevant to the solicitation to verify any information and consider any relevant information from such cited references or sources in the evaluation of the proposals;
- Seek clarification of a proposal or additional information from any Proposer and consider the same for the evaluation of proposals;
- Waive any requests or requirements, if such waiver is in the best interest of the City-Parish; and
- Request interviews and presentations with any Proposer to clarify any questions or considerations based on the information contained in the proposal.

10. Notice of Intent to Award

Upon review and approval of the evaluation committee's recommendation for award by the Director of Purchasing and the Metropolitan Council, a *Notice of Intent to Award* letter will be issued to the Proposer. The City-Parish desires to have a contract completed and signed by all parties concerned, on or before the date indicated in the Schedule of Events. If the Proposer fails to submit the Award Contract by the scheduled

deadline, through no liability of the City-Parish, the City-Parish may elect to cancel the *Notice of Intent to Award* letter and make the award to the next highest scored Proposer.

The Purchasing Division shall notify all unsuccessful Proposers as to the outcome of the evaluation process, and include, upon request, evaluation factors, points, and a summary. A recommendation report shall be made available to all interested parties after the *Notice of Intent to Award* letter has been issued.

11. Contract Negotiations

If, for any reason, the Proposer whose proposal is most responsive to the City-Parish's needs, price, and other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP considered, does not agree to the contract, that proposal shall be rejected and the City-Parish may negotiate with the next highest scored Proposer. Negotiation may include revision of non-mandatory terms, conditions, and requirements. Negotiation shall also allow price adjustments. The final contract form shall be reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved by the Parish Attorney prior to issuance of a purchase order or contract, if applicable, to complete the process.

The RFP, any addendums, and the proposal of the selected Proposer will become part of any contract initiated by the City-Parish.

In no event is a Proposer to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions as a response to this RFP. The Proposer needs to address the specific language in the sample contract "Attachment D" and submit with their proposal any exceptions or exact contract deviations that the firm wishes to negotiate. The terms for both of these documents may be negotiated as part of the negotiation process, with the exception of contract provisions that are non-negotiable.

If the contract negotiation period exceeds **30 days**, or if the selected Proposer fails to sign the contract within **seven calendar days of delivery of the contract**, the City-Parish may elect to cancel the award and award the contract to the next highest scored Proposer.

Award shall be made to the Proposer whose proposal, conforming to the RFP, will be the most advantageous to the City-Parish, price and other factors considered.

12. Ownership

All proposals and/or documentation submitted therewith are City-Parish's property for all purposes.

Proposers must clearly mark documents or information as "confidential" in order to claim exemption, if any, from public records disclosure and specifically justify the exemption.

Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and Proprietary Information

The designation of certain information as trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information shall only apply to the technical portion of your proposal. Your cost proposal will not be considered confidential under any circumstance. Any proposal copyrighted or marked as confidential or proprietary in its entirety may be rejected without further consideration or recourse.

For the purposes of this procurement, the provisions of the Louisiana Public Records Act (La. R.S. 44.1 et. seq.) will be in effect. Pursuant to this Act, all proceedings, records, contracts, and other public documents relating to this procurement shall be open to public inspection. Proposers are reminded that while trade secrets and other proprietary information they submit in conjunction with this procurement may not be

subject to public disclosure, protections must be claimed by the Proposer at the time of submission. Proposers should refer to the Louisiana Public Records Act for further clarification.

The Proposer shall mark the cover sheet of the proposal with the following legend, specifying the specific page(s) and/or section(s) of the proposal that are sought to be restricted:

“The data contained on page(s) XX and/or section(s) XX of the proposal have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential information and such data shall only be disclosed for evaluation purposes, provided that, if a contract is awarded to this Proposer as a result of or in connection with the submission of this proposal, the City-Parish shall have the right to use or disclose the data therein to the extent provided in the contract. This restriction does not limit the City-Parish’s right to use or disclose data obtained from any source, including the Proposer, without restrictions.”

Further, to protect such data, each page containing such data shall be specifically identified and marked “CONFIDENTIAL.”

If a competing Proposer or other person seeks review or copies of another Proposer's confidential data, the City-Parish will notify the owner of the asserted data of the request. If the owner of the asserted data does not want the information disclosed, it must agree to indemnify the City-Parish and hold the City-Parish harmless against all actions or court proceedings that may ensue (including attorney's fees), which seek to order the City-Parish to disclose the information. If the owner of the asserted data refuses to indemnify and hold the City-Parish harmless, the City- Parish may disclose the information.

The City-Parish reserves the right to make any proposal, including proprietary information contained therein, available to Purchasing Division personnel, the Office of the Mayor-President, or other City-Parish agencies or organizations for the sole purpose of assisting the City-Parish in its evaluation of the proposal. The City-Parish shall require said individuals to protect the confidentiality of any specifically identified proprietary information or privileged business information obtained as a result of their participation in these evaluations.

If your proposal contains confidential information, you should also submit a redacted copy along with your proposal. If you do not submit the redacted copy, you will be required to submit this copy within 48 hours of notification from Purchasing. When submitting your redacted copy, clearly mark the cover as – “**Redacted Copy**” – to avoid having this copy reviewed by an evaluation committee member. The redacted copy should also state which sections or information has been removed.

13. Legibility / Clarity

Responses to the requirements of this RFP in the formats requested are desirable, with all questions answered in as much detail as practicable. The Proposer’s response should demonstrate an understanding of the requirements. Proposals prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer’s ability to meet the requirements of the RFP are also desired. Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its proposal.

14. Effects

The City-Parish is not responsible for any cost associated with RFP development, submission, or presentation, and is not responsible for any costs associated, in any way, with contract negotiation.

Changes, Addenda, & Withdrawals

The City-Parish reserves the right to change the schedule of events or issue addenda to the RFP at any time. The City-Parish also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the RFP.

If the Proposer needs to submit changes or addenda, such shall be submitted in writing prior to the proposal opening, signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer, cross-referenced clearly to the relevant proposal section, and submitted in a sealed envelope, marked [**Addenda**] **ARPA-Grant Management and Administration**.

A Proposer may withdraw a proposal that has been submitted at any time up to the proposal closing date and time. To accomplish this, a written request signed by the authorized representative of the Proposer must be submitted to the Purchasing Division.

Deliverables

The deliverables and structure listed in “Attachment A” are the minimum desired from the successful Proposer. Every Proposer should describe what deliverables will be provided per their proposal and how the proposed deliverables will be provided.

Acceptance

All proposals shall be considered valid for acceptance until such time an award is made, unless the Proposer provides for a different time period within its proposal response.

The City-Parish reserves the right to reject a proposal if the Proposer’s response is unacceptable, and the Proposer is unwilling to extend the validity of its proposal.

The mandatory RFP requirements shall become contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful Proposer to accept these obligations shall result in the rejection of the proposal.

Rejection

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the City-Parish to award a contract. The City-Parish reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted or to cancel this RFP if it is in the best interest of the City-Parish to do so. Failure to submit all non-mandatory information requested may result in the City-Parish requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lower score in the evaluation of the proposal.

Proposals received after the deadline, corrupted files, and incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Order of Precedence

In the event of an inconsistency between the contract, the RFP, and/or the Proposer’s proposal, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the final contract, then to the RFP and subsequent addenda (if any), and finally, the Proposer’s proposal.

15. Required Attachments with Proposal

In addition to the proposal, Proposers are required to complete and submit the following attachments:

- “Attachment B” Proposal Forms
- “Attachment B-1” Pricing Schedule – **This attachment should be included with the cost/financial section of the proposal and submitted in a separate, sealed envelope.**

The successful proposer will be required to submit a certificate of insurance that meets or exceeds the following attachment:

- “Attachment C” Insurance Requirements

16. Sample Agreement

The City-Parish supplies a sample professional services agreement in “Attachment D.”

The selected Proposer shall be expected to enter into a contract that is substantially the same as the sample agreement.

Proposer shall not submit its own standard contract terms and conditions as a response to this RFP.

Non-negotiable contract terms include but are not limited to taxes, assignment of contract, audit of records, EEOC and ADA compliance, record retention, content of contract/order of precedence, contract changes, governing law, claims or controversies, and termination based on contingency of appropriation of funds (if applicable).

By responding to this RFP, the Proposer agrees to the City-Parish’s required Contract Terms and Conditions as provided in “Attachment D” and therefore waives any future right to contest the required provisions.

17. Taxes

Any taxes, other than state and local sales and use taxes, from which the City-Parish is exempt, shall be assumed to be included within the Proposer’s cost.

18. Proposal Submission Requirements

It shall be a requirement of the Proposer to demonstrate through its response to this RFP that the Proposer can effectively meet or exceed the stated requirements listed in this section.

Proposers must respond to each of the following requirements, explaining and demonstrating their qualifications. Each response will be evaluated and scored. Supporting documentation and actual examples of currently provided services must be provided within the Proposer’s response. Please note that all proposals will be public record, and all personally identifiable information must be redacted from documentation. Scoring will be based on the content, depth, and detail in the response, and the documentation provided in support of responses. Failure to provide supporting documentation or inadequate documentation may result in a reduced or failing score.

Demonstrated requirements of proposal submission are as follows:

Submission Documents

To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the City-Parish requires that the proposals be organized in the manner specified below.

The proposal shall include all of the following:

- 1) **Title Page**
RFP number, **ARPA Grant Management and Administration**, the name of your firm, address, telephone number(s), facsimile machine number(s), name of contact person, and date.
- 2) **Table of Contents**
Clearly identify the materials by section, page number, and/or tabs.
- 3) **Letter of Transmittal (Limited to 5 Pages)**
State your firm's understanding of the services to be performed and make a positive commitment to provide services as specified. Give the name(s) of the person(s) who is/are authorized to make representations for your firm, their title, address, and email address of each person authorized to sign as the Proposer, their telephone number(s), and facsimile number(s). The person signing the proposal must be a current corporate officer, partnership member, or other individual that has authority to sign in the capacity as a Proposer to bind the company (as reflected by a corporate resolution, certificate, affidavit, or any other documents that would trace back to authority to bind a company) in accordance with Louisiana law.
- 4) **Proposal's Contents**
Proposals should contain a clear and comprehensive response to all requirements/questions in the order contained herein:
 - a) Proposer *Background & Experience*
 - b) Financial strength and stability of the firm
 - c) Service plan/defined processes fulfilling *Technical Criteria* requirements
 - d) Other related services
 - e) Proposer's fees and other costs
 - f) Attachments

Period of Agreement

The term of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall begin on or about December 16, 2021 and shall cover **ARPA Grant Management and Administration** through the duration of the grant which is currently December 31, 2026 with successive one-year options to review at the same terms and conditions upon mutual approval by both parties.

19. Claims or Controversies

Any Proposer who believes they were adversely affected by the City-Parish's procurement process or award, may file a protest. It must be submitted in writing to the Director of Purchasing and specifically state the particular facts which form the basis of the protest and the relief requested. The written protest must be received within seven (7) days from the date the basis of the protest was, or should have been known.

The City-Parish will take action on protests within fifteen (15) days of the receipt thereof. The City-Parish may suspend, postpone or defer the proposal process and/or award in whole or in part upon receipt of a protest.

A protest shall be limited to issues arising from the procurement provisions of the contract and state or local law. Protests with regard to basic project design will not be considered.

Protests may be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Parish Attorney. The decision of the committee regarding the protest will be given to the Proposer in writing within ten (10) days after all pertinent information has been considered. The decision of the Review Committee shall be a condition precedent to any other proceedings in connection with a protest and shall be considered the administrative remedy available to the protesting bidder.

20. Debriefing

Debriefings may be requested by the participating Proposers after a contract has been awarded. Contact may be made by phone at (225) 389-3259 or E-mail to purchasinginfo@brla.gov to schedule the debriefing. Debriefings shall occur within 15 days after the Contract Award and will not be conducted prior to contract award. Debriefings may be conducted so that unsuccessful proposers can review the evaluation summary and discuss the relative merits of their submitted proposal. If the requesting vendor wishes to view other file documents, a Public Records request in accordance with R.S 44.1 et. seq. can be submitted.

21. Errors and Omissions in Proposal

The City-Parish will not be liable for any error in the proposal. Proposer will not be allowed to alter proposal documents after the deadline for proposal submission, except under the following condition: The City-Parish reserves the right to make corrections or clarifications due to patent errors identified in proposals by the City-Parish or the Proposer.

The City-Parish, at its option, has the right to require clarification or additional information from the Proposer.

22. Waiver of Administrative Informalities

The City-Parish reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in any proposal.

23. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Proposer shall furnish the City-Parish with certificates of insurance affecting coverage(s) required by the RFP (see "Attachment C").

The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the City-Parish prior to contract execution. The City-Parish reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required policies, at any time.

24. Corporation Requirements

If the Proposer is a corporation and not incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the Proposer shall have obtained a certificate of authority pursuant to R.S. 12:301-302 from the Secretary of State of Louisiana, prior to the execution of the contract.

Upon the award of the contract, if the Proposer is a for-profit corporation whose stock is not publicly traded, the Proposer shall ensure that a disclosure of ownership form has been properly filed with the Secretary of State of Louisiana.

If services are to be performed in the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, evidence of a current occupational license and/or permit issued by the City-Parish shall be supplied by the successful vendor, if applicable.

25. Proposer Responsibilities

The selected Proposer shall be required to assume responsibility for all items and services offered in his proposal whether or not he produces or provides them. The City-Parish shall consider the selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.

26. Use of Sub-contractors

Each Proposer shall serve as the single prime Proposer for all work performed pursuant to its contract. The prime Proposer shall be responsible for all deliverables referenced in this RFP.

27. Civil Rights Compliance

The Proposer agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Proposer agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices and will render services under this Agreement or any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Proposer, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable, shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this agreement.

28. Governing Law

All activities associated with this RFP process shall be interpreted under applicable Louisiana Law. All proposals and contracts submitted are subject to provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to, L.R.S. 38-2211-2296; section 1:701-710 of the City-Parish Code of Ordinances, purchasing regulations; standard terms and conditions; special terms and conditions; and specifications listed in this RFP.

29. Audit of Records

The City-Parish, designated person representing the City-Parish, or other lawful entity shall have the option to audit all accounts and records, physical, digital, or otherwise, directly pertaining to the resulting contract for a period of five (5) years after project acceptance or as required by applicable local, state, or federal law. Records shall be made available during normal business hours for this purpose.

The Proposer shall maintain all records in relation to this contract for a period of at least five (5) years after final close-out of the contract.

30. Liability & Risk Management

Insurance

Proposer shall secure and maintain at its expense such insurance that will protect it from claims under the Workmen's Compensation Acts and from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage, which may arise from the performance of services under this Agreement, as referenced in "Attachment C." All certificates of insurance shall be furnished to the City-Parish and shall provide that such insurance shall not be cancelled without prior notice given to the City-Parish, in writing. Notices will name Proposer, and identify the Metropolitan Council Resolution approving the terms of this Agreement. The City-Parish may examine the policies at any time and without notice.

All policies and certificates of insurance acquired pursuant to this contract shall contain the clauses following:

- i) Proposer's insurers will have no right of recovery or subrogation against the City-Parish.
- ii) The City-Parish shall be named as additional insureds as regards to general liability and automobile liability with respect to negligence by Proposer.
- iii) The insurance company(ies) issuing the policy or policies shall have no recourse against the City-Parish for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.
- iv) Any and all deductibles in the below described insurance policies shall be assumed by and be at the sole risk of Proposer.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement Proposer shall provide at its own expense, proof of the following insurance coverage required by the contract to the City-Parish by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with an AM Best Rating of no less than A:VI.

- i) In the event Proposer hires workers within the State of Louisiana, it shall procure and maintain Commercial General Liability insurance with a Combined Single Limit of *at least* One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. This insurance shall include coverage for bodily injury and property damage.
- ii) Business Automobile Liability insurance with Combined Single Limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, unless otherwise indicated. This insurance shall include for bodily injury and property damage.

All policies of insurance shall meet the requirements of the City-Parish prior to the commencing of any work. The City-Parish has the right but not the duty to approve all insurance policies prior to commencing of any work. If at any time any of the said policies shall fail to meet the requirements as set forth herein or if any of the companies issuing Proposer's policies hereunder fails to meet or maintain an AM Best Rating of no less than A:VI, Proposer shall promptly obtain a new policy, submit the same to the City-Parish for approval and submit a certificate thereof as provided above.

Upon failure of Proposer to deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, the contract, at the election of the City-Parish, may be forthwith declared suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of Proposer to take out and/or to maintain insurance shall not relieve Proposer from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with the obligation of Proposer concerning indemnification.

Indemnification

Proposer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City-Parish from and against any and all claims against City-Parish arising out of Proposer's performance of its obligations hereunder. This provision, however, shall not be considered and shall not be construed to be a waiver of any defense, including sovereign or official immunity, to any claim against City-Parish by an employee of company or any other person in any way whatsoever. Further, the Proposer will look to its own insurance for recovery of any or the foregoing losses and shall waive any right of recovery of insured claims by anyone claiming through them, by way of subrogation or otherwise, including Proposer's respective insurers. This release and waiver remains effective despite either party's failure to obtain insurance.

31. Written or Oral Discussions / Presentation

Written or oral discussions may be conducted with Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected forward. The City-Parish reserves the right to enter into an agreement without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial offers received.

Any commitments or representations made during these discussions, if conducted, may become formally recorded in the final contract.

Written or oral discussions/presentations for clarification may be conducted to enhance City-Parish understanding of any or all of the proposals submitted. Neither negotiations, nor changes to vendor proposals, will be allowed during these discussions. Proposals may be accepted without such discussions.

32. Payment for Services

The Proposer shall be entitled to payment in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Proposer shall invoice the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The contract will be issued with a maximum (not to exceed) total contract price. Payments will be made by the City-Parish within approximately thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of a properly executed invoice, and approval by the department.

33. Termination

Termination for Cause

The City-Parish may terminate this contract for cause based upon the failure of the Proposer to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to this Agreement, provided that the City-Parish shall give the Proposer written notice specifying the Proposer's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Proposer shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected within thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the City-Parish may, at its option, place the Proposer in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

The Proposer may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana Law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the City-Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; provided that the Proposer shall give the City-Parish written notice specifying the City-Parish failure and a reasonable opportunity for the City-Parish to cure the defect.

Termination for Lack of Appropriated Funds

Should the RFP result in a multi-year contract, a non-appropriation clause shall be made a part of the contract terms as required by state statutes, allowing the City-Parish to terminate the contract for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

If the RFP contract services are funded by grant funds, the City-Parish shall have the right to terminate the contract or any issued Task Order for which funding is terminated.

Termination for Convenience

The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Proposer of such termination or negotiating with the Proposer an effective date.

The Proposer shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

34. Assignment

Assignment of contract, or any payment under the contract, requires the advanced written approval of the City-Parish. Neither the City-Parish nor the Purchasing Division obligates itself to contract for or accept more than the actual requirements during the period of this agreement, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds.

Proposals should include the names and qualifications of the individuals that will be assigned to this project. Substitution of personnel shall be approved by the City-Parish.

35. Funds Use

Proposer agrees not to use contract proceeds to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot nor shall such funds be used to lobby for or against any proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority. This provision shall not prevent the normal dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition on any election ballot or a proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority.

36. Proposer's Certification of No Suspension or Debarment

By signing and submitting any proposal for \$25,000 or more, the Proposer certifies that their company, any sub-contractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA).

Proposer has a continuing obligation to disclose any suspensions or debarment by any government entity, including but not limited to the General Services Administration (GSA). Failure to disclose may constitute grounds for suspension and/or termination of the Contract and debarment from future contracts.

A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed on the internet at www.sam.gov.

37. Independent Proposer

No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Agreement; it being understood and agreed that Proposer is an independent Proposer. Proposer is not the agent or employee of the City-Parish in any

capacity whatsoever, and City-Parish shall not be liable for any acts or omissions by Proposer nor for any obligations or liabilities incurred by Proposer.

Proposer shall have no claim under this Agreement or otherwise, for seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, health insurance, medical care, hospital care, retirement benefits, social security, disability, Workers' Compensation, or unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, or employee benefits of any kind.

38. Conflict of Interest / Confidentiality

The Proposer covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Agreement. Without limitation, Proposer represents to and agrees with City-Parish that Proposer has no present, and will have no future, conflict of interest between providing the City-Parish's services hereunder and any other person or entity which has any interest adverse or potentially adverse to City-Parish, as determined in the reasonable judgment of the City-Parish.

The Proposer agrees that any information, whether proprietary or not, made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement for City-Parish will be kept confidential and not be disclosed to any other person. The Proposer agrees to immediately notify City-Parish by notices, if it is requested to disclose any information made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement. These conflict of interest and future service provisions and limitations shall remain fully effective five years after termination of services to City-Parish hereunder.

39. Use of City-Parish's Property

Proposer shall not use City-Parish's property (including equipment, instruments and supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of his/her obligations under this Agreement.

40. Waiver

No waiver of a breach, failure of any condition, or any right or remedy contained in or granted by the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach, failure, right, or remedy. No waiver of any breach, failure, right or remedy shall be deemed a waiver of any other breach, failure, right or remedy, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing so specifies.

41. Force Majeure

The Proposer or City-Parish shall be excused from performance under the contract for any period that the Proposer or City-Parish is prevented from performing any services in whole or in part as a result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided the Proposer or City-Parish has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all corrective steps that are within the Proposer's or City-Parish's control to ensure that the Proposer or City-Parish can promptly perform and to minimize the effect of such events upon performance of their respective duties under the contract.

42. Federal Clauses

The following clauses are mandatory if Federal Funds are utilized.

Remedies

As a breach of service would cause serious and substantial damages to the City-Parish and its occupants, and the nature of resulting contract would render it impractical or extremely difficult to fix the actual damage sustained by the City-Parish by such breach, it is agreed that in case of a breach of service, the City-Parish may elect to collect liquidated damages as specified in the resulting contract, not as a penalty, such sums being agreed as the amount which the City-Parish will be damaged by the breach of such service.

The decision to seek such remedies shall not be construed as a waiver of any legal remedies the City-Parish may have as to any subsequent breach of service.

If the Proposer fails to perform, or to perform in a satisfactory manner, or to perform in strict compliance with the resulting Contract, the Proposer will be considered to be in Breach of Contract, in addition to such remedies of a less formal but corrective nature as may be delineated between the City-Parish and the Proposer elsewhere in the resulting Contract Documents, the City-Parish retains, solely to itself, all such remedies.

Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this Agreement, the Proposer agrees as follows:

- 1) The Proposer will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Proposer will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- 2) The Proposer will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Proposer, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- 3) The Proposer will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Proposer's legal duty to furnish information.
- 4) The Proposer will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Proposer's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 5) The Proposer will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

- 6) The Proposer will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- 7) In the event of the Proposer's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Proposer may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 8) The Proposer will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor or vendor. The Proposer will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Provided, however, that in the event a Proposer becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-contractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Proposer may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a state or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of Proposers and sub-contractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon Proposers and sub-contractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

Davis-Bacon and Copeland Anti-Kickback Act

The Proposer shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standard Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with this statute, the Proposer is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Proposer is required to pay wages not less than once a week.

The Proposer shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Sub-contractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Proposer is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

Pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5), the Proposer is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Rights to Interventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Interventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

The Proposer is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment

Proposers that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier, up to the non-Federal award.

Procurement Recovered Materials

Proposer shall comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act which pertains to procuring only items designated in the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000.00 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceed \$10,000.00; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment

The Proposer acknowledges that compliance with § 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment is required.

(a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

(c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.

(d) See also § 200.471.

Domestic preferences for procurements

The Proposer acknowledges that compliance with § 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements applies to the Proposer's actions pertaining to this contract is required.

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Proposer acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Proposer's actions pertaining to this contract.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders

The Proposer will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA and/or HUD policies, procedures, and directives.

No Obligation by Federal Government

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Proposer, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.



ATTACHMENT A
NEEDED SERVICES & DELIVERABLES
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the City-Parish requires that the proposals be organized in the manner specified below.

The proposal shall include all of the following:

- 1) **Title Page**
RFP number, **ARPA Grant Management and Administration**, the name of your firm, address, telephone number(s), facsimile machine number(s), name of contact person, and date.
- 2) **Table of Contents**
Clearly identify the materials by section, page number, and/or tabs.
- 3) **Letter of Transmittal (Limited to 5 Pages)**
State your firm's understanding of the services to be performed and make a positive commitment to provide services as specified. Give the name(s) of the person(s) who is/are authorized to make representations for your firm, their title, address, and email address of each person authorized to sign as the Proposer, their telephone number(s), and facsimile number(s). The person signing the proposal must be a current corporate officer, partnership member, or other individual that has authority to sign in the capacity as a Proposer to bind the company (as reflected by a corporate resolution, certificate, affidavit, or any other documents that would trace back to authority to bind a company) in accordance with Louisiana law.
- 4) **Proposal's Contents**
Proposals should contain a clear and comprehensive response to all requirements/questions in the order contained herein:
 - a) Proposer *Background & Experience*
 - b) Financial strength and stability of the firm
 - c) Service plan/defined processes fulfilling *Technical Criteria* requirements
 - d) Other related services
 - e) Proposer's fees and other costs
 - f) Attachments (properly signed where indicated)



ATTACHMENT B
PROPOSAL FORMS
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge until **November 19, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. local time**, at the following location:

City Hall Building
Division of Purchasing
222 St. Louis Street, Room #826
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

PROPOSAL OF _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

The undersigned hereby agrees to furnish all materials, tools, equipment, insurance, and labor to perform all services required for the following project:

“ARPA Grant Management and Administration”

As set forth in the following Contract Documents:

1. Notice to Proposers
2. The Specifications (Administrative and General Information, Scope of Work/Services, Evaluation, Performance Standards, & Attachments)
3. Proposal Forms with Attachments
4. Agreement
5. The following enumerated addenda: _____ receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

The undersigned declares that the only persons or parties interested in this proposal as principals are those named herein; that this proposal is made without collusion of any kind with any other person, firm, association, or corporation; that the undersigned has carefully examined this Request for Proposal, and proposes, and agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to do all the work and furnish all the services specified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and to accept as full compensation therefore the total amount of the prices herein proposed, subject to any mutually agreed upon amendments. The undersigned agrees that the proposal is firm until time of award.

The undersigned agrees to execute the Agreement and Affidavit and furnish to the City-Parish all insurance certificates and performance bond (if applicable) required for the project within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving notice of award from the City-Parish.

The undersigned further agrees that the work will begin on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, projected to be on or about DATE, and shall be diligently prosecuted at such rate and in such manner as, in the opinion of the City-Parish's Representative is necessary for the prosecution of the work within the times specified in the Agreement, it being understood that time is of the essence.

The price for performance of all services in accordance with the Contract Documents is based on the unit (or other costs) proposed and accepted after contract negotiations.

NOTE: This financial proposal shall include any and all costs the Proposer wishes to have considered in the contractual arrangement with the City-Parish. If quoted as a lump sum, individual rates and itemized costs included in the lump sum are to be included with the proposal submittal.

All supplemental information requested is enclosed or presented in a separate sealed box or envelope.

(Signature)

(Typed Name)

***THE ATTACHED BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION SHEET SHOULD BE COMPLETED TO INDICATE WHETHER BIDDER IS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ETC.**

PROPOSER'S ORGANIZATION

PROPOSER IS:

AN INDIVIDUAL

Individual's Name: _____

Doing business as: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

A PARTNERSHIP

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

A CORPORATION

***IF PROPOSAL IS BY A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATE RESOLUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID.**

Corporation Name: _____

Address: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

IF BID IS BY A JOINT VENTURE, ALL PARTIES TO THE BID MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of _____, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of _____, and domiciled in _____, was held this ____ day of _____, 20____, and was attended by a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors.

The following resolution was offered, duly seconded, and after discussion was unanimously adopted by said quorum:

BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ is hereby authorized to submit proposals and execute agreements on behalf of this corporation with the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization and appointment shall remain in full force and effect, unless revoked by resolution of this Board of Directors and that said revocation will not take effect until the Purchasing Director of the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, shall have been furnished a copy of said resolution, duly certified.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of _____, a corporation created under the laws of the State of _____, domiciled in _____; that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by a quorum of the Board of Directors of said corporation at a meeting legally called and held on the ____ day of _____, 20____, as said resolution appears of record in the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors in my possession.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Secretary



Proposer's Vendor Name:

ATTACHMENT B-1
PRICING SCHEDULE
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

***This form should be sealed in a separate envelope marked "Proposed Costs & Fees."**

The financial proposal shall include any and all costs the Vendor wishes to have considered in the contractual arrangement with the City-Parish. If quoted as a lump sum, individual rates and itemized costs included in lump sum are to be detailed with proposal submitted. List all pricing details here or in a format similar in nature to this schedule. Include all possible elements of cost, including, but not limited to:

- Labor & Staffing
- Services, Procedures, & Products
- All other elements of cost

Title or Service	Description & Annual Estimated Quantity	Rate (unit or hourly)
		\$
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Maximum Proposal (Not to Exceed) Price		\$



ATTACHMENT C
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

PROPOSER'S AND SUB-CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: Proposer and any sub-contractor shall carry and maintain, at Proposer's expense at least the minimum insurance as specified below throughout the duration of this contract until completion and acceptance of the work covered by this contract. Proposer shall not commence work under this contract until certificates of insurance have been approved by the City-Parish Purchasing Division. Insurance companies listed on certificates must have industry rating of A-, Class VI or higher, according to Best's Key Rating Guide. Proposer is responsible for assuring that its sub-contractors meet these insurance requirements.

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|----|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. | Commercial General Liability | General Aggregate
Each Occurrence | \$2,000,000
\$1,000,000 |
| B. | Business Auto Policy
Any Auto; or Owned, Non-Owned, & Hired: | Combined Single Limit | \$1,000,000 |
| C. | Standard Workers Compensation - Full statutory liability for State of Louisiana with Employer's Liability Coverage. | | |

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge must be named as additional insured on all general liability policies described above.

Professional Liability coverage for errors and omissions is not required, but Parish shall have the benefit of any such insurance carried by Proposer.

Certificates must provide for thirty (30) days written notice to Certificate Holder prior to cancellation or change.

The Certificate Holder should be shown as:

City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge
Attn: Purchasing Division
P.O. Box 1471
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

NOTE TO PROPOSERS:

- 1) **Submit evidence of these Insurance Requirements with all required information set forth in the solicitation documents as your proposal.**
- 2) **Retain the complete set of Specifications and Contract Documents and a copy of the Insurance Forms for your files.**



ATTACHMENT D
SAMPLE CONTRACT
ARPA Grant Management and Administration
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

This contract, made and entered into at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, effective this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, herein referred to as City-Parish, and _____, herein referred to as "Proposer."

Proposer shall provide professional services as described herein for **ARPA Grant Management and Administration**.

Proposer agrees to proceed, upon written notice of the Purchasing Division, with all professional services necessary for the performance, in proper sequence and in the time specified, of the items of work as hereinafter set forth. Services will be subject to review and administration by the office requesting the service unless designated otherwise by the City-Parish. All services required hereunder will be performed by Proposer or under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The services to be rendered by the Proposer for this project shall be as follows:

The Scope of Services & Specified Requirements are as defined per Sections 8 and 18 of the RFP, attached, and made a part of this agreement.

CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS: No amendment or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties, and approved as required by law. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the contract is binding on any of the parties.

Changes to the contract include any change in a) compensation; b) beginning/ending date of the contract; c) scope of work; and/or d) Proposer change through the assignment of contract process. Any such changes, once approved, will result in the issuance of an amendment to the contract.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: With the exception of the services specifically listed to be furnished by the Parish, if any, Proposer shall, for the agreed fees, obtain all data and furnish all services and materials required to provide the contracted services. All items required to accomplish these results, whether or not specifically mentioned in this contract, including attendance by the Proposer or their representatives at conferences and public hearings, are to be furnished at the expense of Proposer.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CITY-PARISH: The City-Parish will furnish the Proposer without charge all information which it has in its files which may be useful to the Proposer in carrying out this work, as well as assistance in securing data from others to the extent available.

COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT: The City-Parish shall pay and Proposer agrees to accept compensation for the professional services to be performed under this contract, at the rates agreed, attached, and made a part of the contract.

The Proposer shall be entitled to payment in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Proposer shall invoice the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The contract will be issued with a maximum (not to exceed) total contract price. Payments will be made by the City-Parish within approximately thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of a properly executed invoice, and approval by the department.

CONTRACT TIME: The term of this contract is as reflected in Section 18 of the associated Request for Proposal, *Proposal's Submission Requirements*.

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK: No work shall be performed by Proposer and the City-Parish shall not be bound until such time as a Contract is fully executed between the City-Parish and the Proposer and all required approvals are obtained.

CYBERSECURITY PREREQUISITES: Service Provider, including all principals and employees who require access to City-Parish information technology assets, shall complete the cybersecurity training required by La. R.S. 42:1267 and furnish the City Parish proof of said completion prior to being granted access to said assets.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS: The Proposer shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under this agreement. The City-Parish shall have free access at all proper times to such records, and the right to examine and audit the same and to make transcripts there from, and to inspect all program data, documents, and activities. All records, reports, documents, or other material related to any contract resulting from this RFP and/or obtained or prepared by Proposer in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the City-Parish, and shall, upon request, be returned by Proposer to City-Parish, at Proposer's expense, at termination or expiration of this contract.

The Proposer shall maintain all records related to this agreement for a period of at least five (5) years after contract this contract ends.

TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION: The City-Parish may terminate this contract for cause based upon the failure of the Proposer to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to this Agreement, provided that the City-Parish shall give the Proposer written notice specifying the Proposer's failure. If within 30 days after receipt of such notice, the Proposer shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in 30 days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the City-Parish may, at its option, place the Proposer in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

The Proposer may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana Law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the City-Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; provided that the Proposer shall give the City-Parish written notice specifying the City-Parish failure and a reasonable opportunity for the City-Parish to cure the defect.

The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving 30 days written notice to the Proposer of such termination or negotiating with the Proposer an effective date.

The Proposer shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

Should the City-Parish find it necessary to suspend the work for lack of funding or other circumstances beyond its control, this may be done by 30 days' notice given by the City-Parish in writing to that effect. The work may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect upon receipt from the City-Parish of 30 days' notice in writing to that effect.

This agreement shall ipso-facto terminate three years after the date of the suspension of the work as provided above if the work has not been reinstated and resumed by notice from the City-Parish during the three-year period, and neither party shall have any further obligation to the other party.

TERMINATION FOR LACK OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS: The City-Parish may terminate this agreement for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated. For services funded by grants, the City-Parish shall have the right to terminate the contract or any issued task order for which funding is terminated.

DISPUTES: Any dispute concerning a question of fact in connection with the work not disposed of by agreement between the parties shall be referred to the Director of Purchasing or his duly authorized representative for determination, whose decision in the matter shall be final and conclusive on the parties to this contract. This disputes clause does not foreclose the rights of the parties with respect to questions of law in connection with decisions provided for in the foregoing sentence.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OBLIGATION: Proposer shall be an independent contractor under this contract and shall assume all of the rights, obligations and liabilities applicable to him as an independent contractor hereunder. Contractor shall perform all details of the services in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other professional Contractors under similar circumstances at the time the services are performed, with the City-Parish interested only in the results of the work.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: Proposer shall procure all permits and licenses applicable to the services to be performed and shall comply with any and all Local, State and Federal laws including those regarding age, citizenship, hours, wages and conditions of employment affecting the service covered by this agreement. Proposer shall pay the contributions measured by wages of his employees required by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, Federal Insurance Contributions Act, and any other payroll tax as required by law.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LOUISIANA CODE OF ETHICS: In accordance with Louisiana law (La. Rev. Stat. Title 42, Chapter 15), all vendors and service providers to the City/Parish are required to adhere to the ethics standards for public employees (public employee defined at <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=99214>). As such, third party vendors and service providers shall be responsible for determining and ensuring that there will be no conflict or violation of the Louisiana Ethics Code if their company is awarded a contract with the City/Parish. In addition, third party vendors and service providers are responsible for adhering to the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics throughout the duration of this contract, to include any additional amendments and/or extensions or renewals. Care must be exercised to avoid impropriety.

The Louisiana Board of Ethics is the only entity which can officially rule on ethics issues. A link to the Guide for Governmental Ethics can be found at: <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/Laws/ethsum.pdf>. The Louisiana Board of Ethics website is <http://ethics.la.gov/>.

INDEMNITY: Proposer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City-Parish from any and all losses, damages, expenses or other liabilities, including but not limited to any claim for personal injury, death, property damage or other liability that may be asserted against the City-Parish by any party which arises or allegedly agents in performing its obligations under this Agreement.

Proposer, its agents, employees and insurer(s) hereby release the City-Parish, its agents, and assigns from any and all liability or responsibility including anyone claiming through or under them by way or subrogation or otherwise for any loss or damage which Proposer, its agents, or insurers may sustain incidental to or in any way related to Proposer's operations under this Agreement.

PERSONAL INTEREST: Proposer covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his

services hereunder. The Proposer further covenants that in the performance of his contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

AFFIDAVIT AND CORPORATE RESOLUTION: Proposer shall attest by Affidavit, a sworn statement that this contract was not secured through employment or payment of a solicitor. If Proposer is a corporation, a corporate resolution is furnished as evidence of authority to execute the contract.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE: The Proposer agrees to abide the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended the Vietnam Era of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Proposer agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Proposer, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this agreement.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS: If the project is funded in whole or in part by Federal Grants, Proposer shall comply with the Federal Requirements. Proposer shall also include these Federal Requirements in any sub-contracts.

TAXES: Any taxes, other than state and local sales and use taxes, from which the City-Parish is exempt, shall be assumed to be included within the Proposer's cost.

RIGHT TO AUDIT: The City-Parish or others so designated by the City-Parish, or other lawful entity shall have the option to audit all accounts and records directly pertaining to the resulting contract for a period of five (5) years after project acceptance or as required by applicable Local, State and Federal law. Records shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose.

ASSIGNMENT: Assignment of contract, or any payment under the contract, requires the advanced written approval of the City-Parish.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The following provision will apply unless the City-Parish agency statement of work specifically indicates that all information exchanged will be non-confidential:

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to City-Parish's operations which are designated confidential by the City-Parish and made available to the Proposer in order to carry out this contract, shall be protected by the Proposer from unauthorized use and disclosure through the observance of the same or more effective procedural requirements as are applicable to the City-Parish. The identification of all such confidential data and information as well as the City-Parish's procedural requirements for protection of such data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure shall be provided by the City-Parish in writing to the Proposer. If the methods and procedures employed by the Proposer for the protection of the Proposer's data and information are deemed by the City-Parish to be adequate for the protection of the City-Parish's confidential information, such methods and procedures may be used, with the written consent of the City-Parish, to carry out the intent of this paragraph. The Proposer shall not be required under the provisions of the paragraph to keep confidential any data or information, which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in the Proposer's possession, is independently developed by the Proposer outside the scope of the contract, or is rightfully obtained from third parties.

RECORD RETENTION: The Proposer shall maintain all records in relation to this contract for a period of at least five (5) years from contract close-out.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: The Request for Proposal (RFP), dated _____, and the Proposer's Proposal, dated _____, are attached hereto and incorporated into this Contract as though fully set forth herein. In the event of an inconsistency between this Contract, the RFP, and/or the Proposer's Proposal, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to this Contract, then to the RFP and subsequent addenda (if any), and finally, the Proposer's Proposal.

GOVERNING LAW: This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. Venue of any action brought with regard to this Contract shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

(A) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (A))

- (1) All work to be performed under this AGREEMENT shall be timely commenced. As a breach of this AGREEMENT would cause substantial delay in the completion of the required services affecting the safety and welfare of the public, the parties adopt the following liquidated damages clause.
- (2) Liquidated damages are hereby fixed and agreed upon between the parties, recognizing the impossibility of precisely ascertaining the amount of damages that will be sustained by the GOVERNMENT as a consequence of such delay in performance. PROPOSER acknowledges and agrees that damages to GOVERNMENT from untimely performance are extremely difficult to determine, and accordingly, the PROPOSER agrees that the amount of liquidated damages provided for herein is the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such delays.
 - (a) Failure of the PROPOSER to meet the mobilization requirements under this AGREEMENT: \$250.00 per calendar day.
 - (b) The GOVERNMENT is authorized to deduct liquidated damage amounts from the monies due to PROPOSER for the work under this AGREEMENT, or as much thereof as the GOVERNMENT may, at its own option, deem just and reasonable.

(B) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (C))

If applicable to the work and services performed by PROPOSER under the AGREEMENT, during the performance of the AGREEMENT, PROPOSER shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (41CFR 60-1.4(b)):

- (1) PROPOSER will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. PROPOSER will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) PROPOSER will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the PROPOSER, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) PROPOSER will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the PROPOSER'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

- (4) PROPOSER will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) PROPOSER will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the PROPOSER'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this AGREEMENT or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this AGREEMENT may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the PROPOSER may be declared ineligible for further government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) PROPOSER will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of subparagraphs 1 through 7 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor or contractor. PROPOSER will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

If applicable to the work and services performed by PROPOSER under the parties' AGREEMENT:

Bacon-Davis Act: Applicable to construction or repair of public buildings or public works. See FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance, Part VI. D.9, page 88;

Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act: In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, PROPOSER shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. §3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that the Contractor and subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The GOVERNMENT must report all suspected or reported violations to the appropriate Federal agency.

If applicable to the work and services under the parties' AGREEMENT:

- (a) PROPOSER shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this AGREEMENT.
- (b) PROPOSER or sub-contractor shall insert in any subcontract the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate Instructions require, and also a clause requiring the sub-contractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The PROPOSER shall be responsible for the compliance by any sub-contractor or lower tier subcontract with all of these contract clauses.
- (c) A breach of the AGREEMENT clause above may be grounds for termination of the AGREEMENT, and for debarment as a Proposer and sub-contractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12.

(C) CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (E)) (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each Proposer and its sub-contractors shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

- (1) Overtime requirements. No Proposer or sub-contractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation: Liability for Unpaid Wages: Liquidated Damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (I) of this section, the Proposer and any sub-contractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Proposer and sub-contractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (I) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (I) of this section.
- (3) Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages. The GOVERNMENT shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Proposer or sub-contractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or sub-contractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- (4) The Proposer and sub-contractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the sub-contractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix 11 to Part 200 (F))

If applicable to the work and services performed by PROPOSER under the parties' AGREEMENT and if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the GOVERNMENT wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the GOVERNMENT must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business."

E. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (G))

PROPOSER shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-

1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

PROPOSER shall include the foregoing requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.

F. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (H))

If applicable to the work and services performed by PROPOSER under the parties' AGREEMENT, PROPOSER shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies of the state regulation promulgated in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201).

G. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (I))

(1) This AGREEMENT is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the PROPOSER is required to verify that none of the Proposer, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The PROPOSER must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by GOVERNMENT. If it is later determined that the PROPOSER did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to GOVERNMENT, the Federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The PROPOSER agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C AGREEMENT is valid and throughout the period of performance. The PROPOSER further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (J))

PROPOSER must file with the GOVERNMENT the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. If not provided with the bid response, PROPOSER must complete and submit the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form.

H. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (K) and 2 CFR §200.322)

1) In the performance of this contract, the Proposer shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired-

- Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- At a reasonable price.

- 2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/htm>.

I. AGREEMENTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR §200.321)

Should the PROPOSER subcontract any of the work under this AGREEMENT, PROPOSER shall take the following affirmative steps: place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

J. ACCESS TO RECORDS

1) PROPOSER agrees to provide GOVERNMENT, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Proposer which are directly pertinent to this AGREEMENT for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

2) PROPOSER agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

3) PROPOSER agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representative's access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

K. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the AGREEMENT only. If applicable to the work and services performed by PROPOSER under the AGREEMENT, the PROPOSER will comply with all federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

L. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this AGREEMENT and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to GOVERNMENT, PROPOSER, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

M. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

PROPOSER acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the PROPOSER'S actions pertaining to this contract.

COMPLETE CONTRACT

This is the complete Contract between the parties with respect to the subject matter and all prior discussions and negotiations are merged into this contract. This contract is entered into with neither party relying on any statement or representation made by the other party not embodied in this contract and there are no other

agreements or understanding changing or modifying the terms. This Contract shall become effective upon final approval by both parties.

Governing Law

This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Louisiana, except as specifically noted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City-Parish and Proposer have executed this contract effective as of the date first written above.

WITNESSES:

**CITY OF BATON ROUGE,
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

By_____

Title_____
Typed Name and Title

PROPOSER:

By_____

Title_____
Typed Name and Title

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